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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) ✓
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 line 6 recites "...initiate a call without dialing the directory number..." It is not known how applicant's system initiates a call without dialing. The specification teaches traditional methods of dialing out in response to retrieving a telephone number. Appropriate correction or clarification is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

**Claims 1-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown et al., Publication No. US 2003/0026392.**

Regarding claim 1, Brown teaches a communication system including a voicemail system for recording and playing back voicemail messages directed to a

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party(Fig.5-6), a method comprising:

reviewing a voicemail message for a directory number associated with a communication device(page 2 para 31) and if a directory number is identified in the voicemail message, providing an automatic call option whereby the party may initiate a call, without dialing the directory number, to a communication device associated with the directory number(Fig.2, page 3 para 33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 2, Brown teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the step of reviewing is accomplished by a speech recognition system coincident to playback of the voicemail message to the party(page 2 para 31).

Regarding claim 3, Brown teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the step of reviewing is accomplished by a speech recognition system coincident to the voicemail message being recorded into the voicemail system(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 4, Brown teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing an automatic call option comprises:  
sending a message to the party indicating availability of the automatic call option; receiving a request from the party to invoke the automatic call option; and responsive to the request, initiating a call to the communication device associated with the directory number identified in the voicemail message(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 5, Brown teaches the method of claim 4 wherein the step of sending the message comprises sending indicia of the directory number identified in the

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voicemail message(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 6, Brown teaches the method of claim 4 wherein the step of sending the message comprises sending indicia of an action required for the party to invoke the automatic call option(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 7, Brown teaches a method comprising:  
delivering a voice communication to a party, receiving a request from the party for targeted voice recognition; responsive to the request, reviewing at least a portion of the voice communication for targeted information(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42); and  
if targeted information is identified in the voice communication, providing one or more of: a delivery option whereby the party may request delivery of the targeted information; and a connection option whereby the party may initiate a connection to a communication device associated with the targeted information(pages 2-3 para 31-32)

Regarding claim 8, Brown teaches the method of claim 7 wherein the step of delivering comprises playing a voicemail message directed to the party(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 9, Brown teaches the method of claim 7 wherein the step of delivering comprises sending a voice communication to the party coincident to an active call(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 10, Brown teaches the method of claim 7 wherein the step of reviewing is accomplished by a speech recognition system(page 2 para 31, page 3 para

32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 11, Brown teaches the method of claim 10 wherein the step of reviewing comprises reviewing the voice communication for one or more of a telephone number, URL and e-mail address(page 3 para 33).

Regarding claim 12, Brown teaches the method of claim 7, further comprising a step of recording the voice communication, yielding a recorded voice communication, the step of reviewing comprising reviewing at least a portion of the recorded voice communication(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 13, Brown teaches the method of claim 12, wherein the step of reviewing comprises reviewing at least a portion of the voice communication occurring prior to the request for targeted voice recognition(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 14, Brown teaches the method of claim 12, wherein the step of reviewing comprises reviewing at least a portion of the voice communication occurring after the request for targeted voice recognition(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 15, Brown teaches the method of claim 12, wherein the step of reviewing comprises reviewing portions of the voice communication occurring before and after the request for targeted voice recognition(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 16, Brown teaches the method of claim 7, wherein the step of providing one or more of a delivery option and connection option comprises:

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sending a message to the party indicating availability of one or more delivery options; receiving a request from the party to invoke a selected delivery option; and responsive to the request, delivering a message including the targeted information to the party according to the selected delivery option(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 17, Brown teaches the method of claim 16, wherein the step of delivering a message comprises delivering a text message including the target information(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

Regarding claim 18, Brown teaches the method of claim 7, wherein the step of providing one or more of a delivery option and connection option comprises: sending a message to the party indicating availability of one or more connection options, receiving a request from the party to invoke a selected connection option; and responsive to the request, connecting the party to a communication device associated with the targeted information according to the selected connection option(page 2 para 31, page 3 para 32-33, and page 4 para 42).

### ***Conclusion***

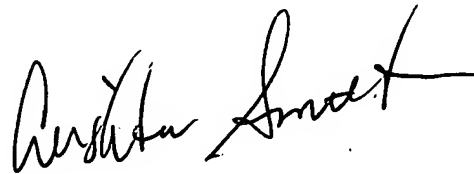
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph T. Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-7544. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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